

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 SAN JO 03998 122251Z

66

ACTION PC-15

INFO OCT-01 ARA-16 ISO-00 SS-20 A-01 SIG-04 RSC-01 DRC-01

/059 W

----- 104014

P 122210Z NOV 73

FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5513

UNCLAS SAN JOSE 3998

FOR PEACE CORPS: REGIONAL DIRECTOR
ALFREDO PEREZ FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: APER, CS

SUBJ: REPLACEMENT FOR PEACE CORPS

DIRECTOR COSTA RICA

1. RECEIPT THIS WEEK END OF TRAVEL ORDERS FOR
MINOR ANDERSON AND HIS IMPENDING DEPARTURE
JANUARY 6 MAKE QUESTION OF HIS REPLACEMENT
THAT MUCH MORE URGENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT
MY CONCERNS ON THIS SCORE WERE CONVEYED TO
YOU SOME TIME AGO THROUGH ARA/CEN. IN THE

ABSENCE OF ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING
ACTION TAKEN, I DEEM IT IMPORTANT TO STRESS
TO YOU PERSONALLY THE IMPORTANCE WHICH I
ATTACH TO THE POINT NAMING OF A REPLACEMENT
AND TO HIS ARRIVAL HERE BY THE TIME MINOR
LEAVES. I WANT TO STRESS THAT I WOULD FIND
ANY SIGNIFICANT GAP BETWEEN MINOR'S DEPARTURE
AND THE REPLACEMENT'S ARRIVAL UNACCEPTABLE.
I DO NOT WANT TO LEAVE THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM
WITHOUT A TITULAR HEAD PRECISELY AT THE TIME
WHEN IT WILL BE REACHING ITS PEAK IN NUMBERS
AND PROJECTS AND WHEN THE COSTA RICAN GOVERN-
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 SAN JO 03998 122251Z

MENT WILL BE CHANGING REQUIRING MOST

CAREFUL CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION WITH OLD AND NEW GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES. AN ACTING DIRECTOR WILL NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY AND POSITION TO DEAL WITH THE AUTHORITIES OR TO EXERT THE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OVER THE VOLUNTEERS AND THE VARIOUS PROJECTS WHICH I BELIEVE WILL BE REQUIRED DURING THIS DELICATE PERIOD. EXTENSION OF MINOR'S TOUR IS NOT POSSIBLE AND WOULD BE UNFAIR TO HIM SINCE HE MUST NOW TERMINATE HIS SERVICE WITH THE PEACE CORPS AND IS LINING UP OTHER JOBS. IT WOULD ALSO BE IMPRACTICAL BECAUSE A NEW DIRECTOR'S VALUE WILL DEPEND PRECISELY

UPON HIS "CUTTING HIS TEETH" DURING THIS DELICATE JANUARY-MAY TRANSITION PERIOD. THERE IS THUS NO ALTERNATIVE TO A QUICK NAMING OF A REPLACEMENT IF WE ARE TO AVOID AN UNACCEPTABLE HIATUS IN LEADERSHIP HERE.

2. PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT I CONSIDER THIS MATTER OF GREAT IMPORTANCE AND I AM SERIOUS ABOUT MY CONCERNS. THE PC PROGRAM HERE IS A GOOD ONE; IT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR WHOLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. IT IS PRECISELY BECAUSE I THINK IT IS SO GOOD AND SO USEFUL THAT I AM ANXIOUS THAT IT HAVE WHAT IS REQUIRED, NAMELY THE CONTINUATION WITHOUT GAP OF FIRM, STRONG DIRECTION. THIS WHOLE SITUATION HAS BEEN REVIEWED WITH STATE DEPARTMENT INSPECTORS WHO HAVE JUST FINISHED AN INSPECTION OF THIS POST AND THE CONCUR IN THE URGENCY OF FILLING THIS SLOT.

3. I WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING PROMPT STEPS TO INSURE THAT A QUALIFIED REPLACEMENT IS NAMED AND ARRIVES BY THE TIME MINOR HAS TO DEPART.

VAKY
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 SAN JO 03998 122251Z

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 NOV 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973SANJO03998
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: SAN JOSE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731139/aaaabcun.tel
Line Count: 107
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION PC
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: shawdg
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 25 JAN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <25-Jan-2002 by chappeld>; APPROVED <20 FEB 2002 by shawdg>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: REPLACEMENT FOR PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR COSTA RICA
TAGS: APER, CS
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005